

Jacob Edward Wilhelm Obituary
May 16, 1938 – June 20, 2009

Jake Edward Wilhelm

A celebration of life for former Wheatland, Wyoming resident Jake Edward Wilhelm, 71, will be conducted at 10:00 A. M. on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at the Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland with Reverend Cindy Wolf officiating. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland cemetery. The celebration of Jake's life is for the community and all are invited to come and bring a covered dish for the potluck dinner to be held at the church following the service.

Jake died Saturday, June 29, 2009, at the Merit Care Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota. He was diagnosed with acute myeloid Leukemia in early 2009.

He was born May 16, 1938, the seventh of ten children, at Horse Creek, Wyoming, the son of Jacob and Lydia (Nichel) Wilhelm Jr. Jake was reared and educated in Wheatland graduating from Wheatland high School in 1956. He joined the United States Army and served two years in Germany before returning to Wheatland. Jake married Carole I. Mooney on February 16, 1963.

Jake was a member of Saint Patrick Catholic church where he served on the Parrish Council. He was also a long-time member of the Lion's Club. Jake enjoyed supporting the Wheatland High School Bulldogs and the University of Wyoming Cowboys where he was a member of the Cowboy Joe Club. He was also very involved in the Old Grads in Wheatland and enjoyed participating every year in their annual reunions.

Jake lost his wife, Carole to cancer in May 2002 and then married Anda Coyne in 2003. Since that time, they have lived in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Seattle, Washington and last in Gwinner, North Dakota where his wife is pastor of the Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church. Jake was a member and active participant in the Lutheran Church. He enjoyed volunteering, spending time with his family, cooking, gardening and lawn work, golf watching sports and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Anda of Gwinner; daughter, Heidi Wilhelm of Denver, Colorado; son, Mike (Kori) Wilhelm of Wheatland; two brothers, Jerry (Dee) Wilhelm and Fred (Margaret) Wilhelm all of Cheyenne, Wyoming; two grandchildren, Michaela Lynn Wilhelm and Matthew Jacob Wilhelm both of Wheatland; two step-sons, Donnan C. (Molly) Coyne of Thermopolis, Wyoming and Nevan A. (Katie) Coyne of Pine Haven, Wyoming; and five step-grandchildren, Emmalyne, Oran, Adley, Abree, and Finn Coyne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carole on May 3, 2002; two brothers, Jim Wilhelm and William Wilhelm; and five sisters, Ruby Bonaficini, Betty Karriker, Gladys Nagel, Barbara Kittell, and Sandra Cancino.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Don Burns, Jon Larscheid, Fred Wilhelm, Jerry Wilhelm, Arnie Cancino, Tom Eisenhauer, George Bauer Jr. and all of his many other friends.

Memorials to Platte County Ministry, Co-op, P.O. Box 322, Wheatland, WY 82201 or Platte County Relay for Life, in care of Ellie Orr, 1054 Pine Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes Platte Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.